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SSA CHANGES A MORAL LAW

This time of the year our thoughts turn naturally to the moral and ethical principles on which our civilization is built. So it is also a good time to call attention to the latest shenanigans of one of our Washington bureaus. Did you know that there is an agency in Washington which has taken it upon itself to change the moral law - in fact, to change one of the Ten Commandments?

Sometime ago, we reported that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the widow of FDR, had given

forth with another one of her peculiar ideas. Someone asked her about the concept of gratitude to parents by their children. She declared she thought the idea should be unpopular - that she did not think children owe their parents any gratitude.

Mrs. Roosevelt may not know it, but at the bottom of this queer notion is a basic communist principle. It involves the break-up of the family relationship. The Red idea is to force every individual to be responsible to no one but

the all-powerful and tyrannical State.

Well, a United States government bureau, the Social Security Administration, has now adopted this insidious notion as an official policy. And with the bureaucrat's usual reverse-English, it labels it 'a forward step to strengthen American families.'

Thirty-five states of the American Union have laws on their books which make sons and daughters who are able to do so, contribute to the support of their needy parents. These laws, of course, are not necessary for the great majority of Americans. Fortunately, they are aware not only of their duty, but of the great moral law which says: 'Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother.' The state laws are meant for that small part of the population which lacks or denies a sense of responsibility.

But the bureaucrats in the Social Security Administration now declare that these laws are a lot of nonsense - that adult children should not be called on to help support their needy parents; they should be supported by some kind of government handout. Of course, if the Social Security bureaucrats can get all Americans to abandon their parents to the tender mercies of a government agency, that means more jobs for that many more bureaucrats. Evidently the idea is to change one of the Ten Commandments to: 'Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother, so long as it doesn't cost you anything.' And if you ought to abandon your parents to the government, why not your children? Will that be the next step - while the men in the Kremlin chuckle at our imitation of their slave system?

PRIVATE VS. PUBLIC MEDICAL CARE

This notion of making the government responsible for everything and everybody is an especially vicious one. This does not mean that everyone who advocates an ever bigger Welfare State is a vicious person. On the contrary, many are kindly, char-

itable, well-meaning people. But they are fuzzy-minded. They do not think through to the logical end of what they advocate. Even worse, they do not realize that the more power we put into the hands of government - power over so many phases of our private

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lives — the more we come to resemble the hated tyranny of the communist slave state.

On the other hand, there are those who know exactly what they are doing when they press for more government interference. A good place to see the operation of both these types of minds is in the current argument over medical care for the aged. There are kindly souls who are genuinely concerned over the difficulties of oldsters in meeting their medical expenses. But there are others who seem to bleed for the aged, but who really use them as a wedge to put over socialized medicine in the United States.

There is no doubt that there

are old people who, due to circumstances beyond their control, have trouble meeting their medical costs. The cost of medicine and doctors, like everything else, has gone up due to the inflation caused by government spending and taxation. The big fight in Washington will come over the plan to put medical care of older Americans under the Social Security system. There are four points to keep in mind about this controversy:

1. The need for government interference in medical aid for oldsters is not nearly so great as is made out. A tremendous percentage of our population is already covered by some form of private and voluntary health insurance, for which they pay themselves — minus the big cut for federal bureaucrats. And it is estimated that in another 10 years, nearly everybody will have this kind of protection.

2. In the case of those unable to provide such protection for themselves, the states and local governments and private charitable groups do a magnificent job of looking after their own, without adding more bureaucrats to the federal-government payroll.

3. Putting the medical care of old folks under the Social

Security system means inevitably greater and greater taxes. There is no such thing as 'free' handouts from the federal government. It has to get the money some place. It must raise taxes, or borrow the money. If it raises taxes, you pay three, four or ten times more than necessary to help old folks - because of the red tape and swelling bureaucracy. If the government borrows the money, it adds to the inflation which makes everybody's medical costs higher than ever.

4. If the government pays the doctor bills of oldsters, why should it not pay the doctor bills of young people, or babies, or businessmen, or workers? In other words, this would be only the opening wedge to complete government domination of the medical

profession, hospitals and every form of medical care. This is socialized medicine - and remember, socialized medicine is one of the major props of a socialist state. Perhaps the best evidence of this is a recent declaration by Labor Boss Walter Reuther. He told his union members that 'We must fight for medical care for the aged.' Incidentally, he boasted that President-elect Kennedy would be sure to help him in this fight. Now Mr. Reuther is the most socialist-minded of all our labor leaders. He may pretend great sympathy for oldsters, but he knows better than anyone else that if he can get the government's hand into this form of medical care, the next steps toward complete socialized medicine will be that much easier.

BRITONS FIND OUT

As to what kind and quality of medical care you will get when the government runs the whole shebang, Americans ought to take a close look at what is going on in Great Britain. Britain's Socialist-Labor Party put socialized medicine over on the British people nearly 15 years ago. Britons are groaning under the con-

stantly rising costs of this government system. The bill for drugs alone runs to over 200 million dollars a year. But so entrenched is the bureaucracy of the British National Health Service, as it is called, that even so-called Conservative governments in Britain do nothing about it. Now a new phenomenon has

appeared in England. According to a special dispatch to the N.Y. *Journal-American*, 'private medicine is staging a big comeback in welfare-state Britain.' What is happening is that Englishmen are getting fed up with the kind of medical care they get from over-worked, State-paid doctors; with long waits and endless red tape to get into a hospital; with presumably 'free' but bad quality dentures and

eye-glasses. So despite the fact that they are taxed to the bone to pay for what is falsely called 'free' medical service, great numbers of Englishmen are nonetheless scraping together enough money to pay for private medical care of their own choosing. There ought to be a serious lesson in all this for Americans who are not lulled to sleep by the propaganda of our Walter Reuthers and their like.

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 12/18/60

Book Review 21 TRUE WHO-DUNITS

JOURNEY INTO CRIME by Don Whitehead, 274 pages, Random House, N.Y., \$4.95.

Are you a mystery fan? A crime fan? Do you like stories about faraway places? Or are you just a story fan - any story, so long as it is good? If you are any one, or all of these, Don Whitehead's new book is for you. But unlike so many hackneyed tales in the field of the bizarre and the unusual, this JOURNEY INTO CRIME deals strictly with actual cases. Each is worth curling up with on a cold, or warm, evening. If you can resist reading more than one at a time, here is

entertainment in 21 separate gulps. But we guarantee you will read whole batches at a single sitting.

Don Whitehead is the author of the best-selling *The FBI Story*, published four years ago. He started out on a journey to see how police systems in other nations compared with our highly efficient and excellently managed Federal Bureau of Investigation. So his factual stories stand not merely on their own merits. They also give an intriguing picture of the art of detection as practiced in many and varied lands.

Mr. Whitehead's hunt re-

sulted in quite a journey - from the tiny nation of Liechtenstein to Austria, Hungary, West Germany, Japan, Singapore, Hongkong, Turkey and a dozen other spots. His 30,000-mile tour turned up some unforgettable characters such as the counterfeiter who wanted only to be recognized as a great artist; the Japanese who invited 18 bank employees to a cyanide tea party (they came); the Hungarian whose only crime was patriotism.

Certain of these tales from the nations which border the Iron Curtain bring home to us a fact we often ignore - the difference between the police

systems of the Western and the communist worlds. Mr. Whitehead heard from the lips of a patriotic Hungarian woman: 'In most of the Western world, the purpose of the police is to protect people from criminals. But over there, the police are the State...they are the criminals.'

Mr. Whitehead has also provided an interestingly brief preface to each story which sets the stage and the background against which it took place. There is something in this book to suit every taste and to provide conversational gambits for a long time to come.

- Rosalie Gordon

AS FROM AN AUCTION PLATFORM

"In our country, during the past several decades, neither party has presented itself as 'the national party,' the party of our tradition and continuity as a nation. This was strikingly apparent in the TV debates. Both candidates spoke abstractly and analytically. There was little reference to our national past, our wars, our travails and triumphs. There was much about the UN, World Court, and underdeveloped countries of Asia and Africa. We heard what we were going to do for the Congolese, but not how we shall defend the battered rights and dignities of our citizens. Above all, we heard, as from an auction platform, what was bid for the votes of this or that minority - labor, the elderly, the sick, Negroes, teachers, farmers..."

- NATIONAL REVIEW BULLETIN

"Zoo director, to amazed visitors before cage labeled 'Co-existence' and containing a lion and some lambs: 'Nothing to it - just add a few fresh lambs now and then.' " - THE WANDERER

THE MULE DIED

"Once there was a man who owned a mule. It was costing him a lot to feed the mule, so the man hit upon the happy plan of mixing sawdust with the mule's feed to provide bulk and cut down on the feed costs. First he used a 75-25 formula - 75 percent feed and 25 percent sawdust. The mule continued to thrive. So the owner cut the rations again - this time to a 50-50 basis, and despite the change, the mule still appeared normal. Elated at the 'progress' he was making in his goal, the man made another change - this time to 25 percent feed and 75 percent sawdust. A few mornings later when he went to the feed lot, he found the mule dead.

"America has had the sawdust of socialism put in its feed box for some years now. We would suggest that the formula presently stands at about the 50-50 mark..."

- King City (Calif.) RUSTLER-HERALD

HIGHER (?) EDUCATION

"At Teachers College, Columbia, a doctoral dissertation is being prepared on the subject 'A Suggested Methodology to Formulate a Composite Ideal Image of the Professional Nurse,' while Michigan State University announces a thesis on 'A Study of the Personality Differences Between a Group of Women Who Had Participated in Sewing Classes in an Adult

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